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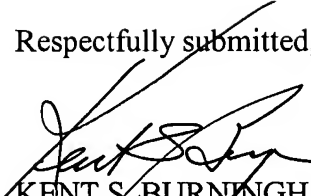
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment "A" and Response to Species Election Requirement for entry in the above-captioned application.

\_\_\_\_ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

\_\_\_\_ To secure the approval of the Examiner for proposed amendments to the drawings, enclosed are the following:

\_\_\_\_ Letter to the Official Draftsperson;

\_\_\_\_ Set of \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) sheets of informal drawings containing Figures \_\_\_\_\_ including the proposed amendments therein; and

\_\_\_\_ A duplicate set of the \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) sheets of informal drawings with the changes therein highlighted in red.

X To render the transmitted Amendment "A" and Response to Species Election Requirement timely filed, enclosed are the following:

X Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time for a period of one (1) month; and

X The corresponding fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) in the amount of \$110.00 is one (1) of the following:

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\_\_\_ Terminal Disclaimer with Exhibits \_\_\_ attached; and

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The fee has been calculated as follows for other than a small entity applicant:

| CLAIM INVENTORY                |                                 |               | SMALL ENTITY |                | OR | OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY |                |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|----|---------------------------|----------------|
| Claims Remaining After         | Highest No. Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Rate         | Additional Fee |    | Rate                      | Additional Fee |
| Total 87                       | Minus 87                        | 0             | \$ 9.00      | ---            |    | \$18.00                   | -0-            |
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X Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.

X Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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